

It is clear to all that the federal government needs to spend money more responsibly and cut out waste, fraud, abuse, and redundancy but the spending cuts outlined in the CR do nothing to work towards reducing the deficit or to instill long-term fiscal discipline.

I agree that the federal government needs to tighten its belt and balance short-term deficit spending for economic recovery while committing ourselves to restore fiscal discipline in the long-term. But the proposed CR will not do these things. Do not be fooled by the 'cuts' in this measure which do nothing to work to promote fiscal responsibility. House Republicans are merely paying lip service to public concerns regarding government spending.

If House Republicans were serious about getting spending under control and reducing our deficit, then why wouldn't they include major cuts in defense spending, an area where they actually increase spending?

Instead, House Republicans indiscriminately and irresponsibly cut programs which are vital to our nation's welfare and economic recovery, including drastic cuts to important programs in the areas of education, innovation, and public safety.

I understand that in difficult times, difficult choices must be made. But it appears that House Republicans have determined that local communities and individuals, who were hardest hit during the economic downturn, aren't as important as tax cuts for struggling multimillionaires, huge contracts for their corporate benefactors, and the Department of Defense. This is utterly disdainful.

I will continue to work with my colleagues to promote fiscal responsibility but we must do this in a responsible manner, taking into account the vital role the government plays in providing for the general welfare of our nation. The Republicans' CR is not the solution. It will only regress our economic recovery.